

# ROSSLAND WEEKLY MINER.

Two Dollars a Year.

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## PAST 50,000 MARK

Rossland's Ore Shipments For Eight Months Worth Over \$1,500,000.

AUGUST TOTAL \$323,820

Shipments Last Week From Four Mines Were 2,125 Tons—Columbia and Kootenay Started Up Again After a Short Shut Down.

The ore shipments from the Rossland mines amounted to 2,125 tons during the week just past, which sends the output of the camp for the present year up to 50,996 tons. Estimating the average value of the ore at \$30 a ton, which we believe to be much below the actual value, this means that in barely eight months Rossland has produced ore worth \$1,529,880, or at the rate of nearly \$200,000 per month.

During August the shipments were 10,794 tons, which, using the same basis of estimates, \$30 per ton, would give a value of \$323,820 for the month, or considerably more than \$10,000 per day. The shipments for the past week included the Le Roi, with an output of 1,575 tons; the Columbia & Kootenay, which sent 150 tons to the smelter; the Cliff, with 50 tons to its credit, and the Iron Mask, which shipped 60 tons.

The War Eagle still adheres to its old policy of holding back ore till treatment charges are reduced. The Centre Star is also out of the list of shippers this week, though some fine copper ore is being piled at the mouth of the tunnel. Superintendent Long of the Josie has been centralizing work on a crosscut at the 300-foot level.

As the Columbia and Kootenay were closed down a part of last week, the shipments comprised ore that had previously been broken down. The Cliff is now shipping ore from the mine between its two tunnels, and as usual is yielding very good smelter returns. The Le Roi, so Capt. Hall says, never looked better, and Samuel Hall, superintendent of the Iron Mask, is equally enthusiastic over the appearance of his property. Altogether, the week's work must be considered as very satisfactory.

## COLUMBIA AND KOOTENAY MINE.

It Has Started Up After Being Closed for a Few Days. Work was suspended on the Kootenay and Columbia last week but was resumed Monday. The suspension also caused the shutting down of the Iron Colt, as the Iron Colt people take their compressed air from the Kootenay and Columbia compressor. Both mines are in full operation this morning. The Iron Colt company has arranged to put in a second drill, which will work on the west drift of the vein cut some days ago. The suspension of work on the Kootenay and Columbia gave rise to the report that Mr. Heinze had thrown up the sponge on that property. The resumption of work is an effective contradiction of that report.

## IN THE TULAMEEN COUNTRY.

Rossland Prospectors Have Staked a Promising Group on Granite Creek. C. H. Bonter and G. A. Bonter are back from a prospecting tour in the Tulameen country. While away they staked off a claim near Granite Creek, about 35 miles from Kamloops. They claim to have an eight-foot ledge of white quartz carrying ore from which assays of \$210 in gold, silver and copper have been obtained. V. M. Wood, of the local customs house, and E. J. Ballard, master mechanic of the War Eagle mine, are also interested in the property. Five claims have been staked off along the ledge, among which is a claim owned by James Manson and James McQuirk, also of Rossland. A smelter test of a ton of ore taken from a 20-foot shaft on a neighboring claim, returned \$38 in gold, silver and copper. The Bonter brothers say it is an exceedingly well mineralized country, though very little work has been done in it.

## TWO SICAMOUS MINES.

R. M. Grogan Has Been Inspecting Them for the Rossland Owners. R. M. Grogan is back from a trip through the Lardeau and the Sicamous countries, where he was looking after a number of mining interests which he controls. Mr. Grogan speaks highly of the mineral deposits of the Lardeau, but is not over-optimistic regarding the immediate development of that country. In the Sicamous country he inspected two properties in which he and his partner, F. W. Roll, together with Messrs. Smith & Whiteman, are interested. On one of these, the Red Jacket, about 28 miles from the C. P. R., they have a fine body of pyritic ore, carrying gold, copper and a little silver, on which three men have been working all summer. On another property, the May Day, they have a strong lead of white quartz carrying galena in good values. Mr. Grogan is highly pleased with the showing of both the properties.

## McARTHUR ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Rossland Board of Trade Reorganized Last Night—New Suggestions Offered. The long dormant board of trade was revived on Monday, when a meeting of the members was held in the Imperial block for the purpose of reorganizing the association, with the result that J. B. McArthur was elected president and the secretaryship was left vacant for the time being.

W. B. Townsend acted as chairman of the meeting and A. B. Clabon as temporary secretary. It was proposed by Edward Hewitt that the name of the board be changed to the bureau of mines and commerce, as more in keeping with

the character and purposes of the organization. To this it was objected that as the board was an incorporated body, some legal obstacles might be met with in changing its name, and the matter was laid over till the next meeting, which will be held in the same place next Monday evening.

The membership dues and fees were also taken up for consideration, and notice was given by Smith Curtis that at the next meeting he would move that the bylaws be altered so that no annual fee for the present year be charged to members joining prior to Jan. 1, 1898. This would do away with all but the initiation fee of \$10 during the present year.

The resignation of J. J. Franklin as secretary-treasurer, was accepted, and the election of a secretary to succeed Mr. Franklin was deferred until a later date. Meanwhile a committee, consisting of Smith Curtis, Ed. Hewitt and C. O. Lalonde was named to audit the books of the late secretary-treasurer.

J. B. McArthur was then unanimously elected president in place of J. E. McLaughlin, resigned, and was authorized to invite the members of the British association to visit Rossland.

After some other business, the meeting adjourned until next Monday evening.

## SOME DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

Three Members of the British Association Pleased With Rossland. Among the arrivals in Rossland Sunday were two distinguished members of the British association, Dr. J. W. Ashworth of Manchester and Robert C. Millar of Edinburgh. Dr. Ashworth is a fellow of the geological society, and Mr. Millar is treasurer of the chamber of commerce of his native city. The two were on their way to the coast, and hesitated considerably before visiting Rossland, as they anticipated finding a small insignificant mining camp, quite destitute of conveniences and accommodations. They were agreeably surprised when they found such a metropolitan little city as Rossland really is.

They were shown over the city by A. J. McMillan, and visited some of the leading mines, which in Dr. Ashcroft's opinion, must rank among the most important in the world. The two gentlemen left for the coast yesterday afternoon.

Another prominent member of the British association now in the city is Major-General Webber, who is visiting his son, L. H. Webber. He is also impressed with the camp.

## TWO IMPORTANT DEALS.

Highland and Little Giant Groups to Be Placed in English Market. Oscar P. Beck of London and Eric Loewenthal of Berlin left for London Monday after having spent a week in Rossland. They arranged to complete the purchase of the Highland group on Rock creek, north of town, and obtained an option on the Little Giant group on Lookout mountain.

Mr. Beck is a mining man and financial promoter of great tact and experience, and has strong backing in London, Berlin and Vienna. Just before sailing for Rossland he completed the sale in London of two of the largest brewing establishments in Austria-Hungary. Mr. Loewenthal is the son of a wealthy Berlin banker, and is having his first experience at traveling abroad.

Both Messrs. Beck and Loewenthal made many friends while here, and there is reason to believe their visit will result in the placing of many British Columbia mining properties in foreign markets. They will spend two days in New York and expect to be in London by the 25th.

## A STORMY SUMMER.

Notes on the Weather From the Observations of C. C. Woodhouse, Jr. The thermometer lingered all day yesterday in the immediate vicinity of the 50 mark. The lowest temperature reached was 49°, and the maximum was 50°. The rain which fell almost continuously all Monday and the previous evening was probably responsible for the even weather.

C. C. Woodhouse, Jr., who keeps a daily record of meteorological phenomena, says that compared to the past two seasons this has been a wet and stormy summer. The barometer for the past few months has averaged 26.1, indicative of stormy weather, while in 1895 and 1896 the barometer averaged 26.3 during the summer season. A difference of .5 of an inch between two seasons is noteworthy, says Mr. Woodhouse.

## MINING NOTES.

The work of putting in the new buildings and machinery on the Sunset No. 2 is progressing very satisfactorily.

Bard Bros. are getting well along with their new 20-stamp mill three miles from Hall's Siding, and about nine miles from Nelson.

The Iron Colt company, which has heretofore been using a four-inch Rand drill, yesterday purchased from the Ingersoll-Sergeant company a 3 1/2-inch drill for use in the drift.

The sale of the Elise, which would have occurred at the Nelson court house yesterday, has been deferred till Saturday. The stockholders are confident of saving the property.

The directors of the Keystone Mining company are so well satisfied with the showing on their property that they have advanced the price of treasury stock from 20 cents to 25 cents. The first block of stock offered, they say, has been entirely subscribed. The price of stock in advertisement on page six should read 20 cents instead of 10 cents.

The sale of the Arlington, on the North Fork of the Salmon, is reported. The owners, Messrs. Boyd and Hurlbert, are credited with having disposed of their property to an English syndicate for \$25,000. There is a fine body of ore similar to the Elise's on the claim, and there are between 200 and 300 tons of ore already on the dump.

## HAS ITS OWN PLANT

Hall Mines Smelter Partly Independent of Electric Light Works.

SAYS HE NEVER MEANT IT

Costello Does the Baby Act in Court—Only Intended to Kick Cronyn's Head but Missed It and Hit His Head—McKinney Sentenced.

NELSON, Sept. 7.—[Special.]—A new phase in the war between the Hall Mines smelter company and the Nelson Electric Light company has been presented. The smelter company now has its own electric plant running smoothly and furnishing all the light they need and more too, so now it is entirely independent of its enemy as regards light. As to water—well, that is another story. Everything is now running smoothly under the superintendency of Mr. Headley. The ore is coming down steadily from the Hall Mines and is of fine quality, while the big furnace is fairly humming. There is any quantity of crep up at the dump.

Yesterday the Athabasca mine made another 28-ton shipment to the smelter. The ore seems, if anything, to increase in value.

It is whispered that a number of the best men up at the smelter will follow Paul Johnson to Mexico. Among them will be Mr. Rosedale. Some of them deny it and others will not deny nor confirm the rumor.

It has been decided to send a rock drilling team from Nelson to contest for the prizes at the Fruit fair in Spokane. The men have not been decided upon. The Hall Mines company will probably send a team also.

## McKinney Got Six Months.

The case of Peter McKinney, the negro accused of assault on his wife with a deadly weapon, which has been postponed several times in the Nelson court, came up today before Judge Forin. The testimony was most conflicting but the judge believed the woman, and sent the prisoner to jail for a period of six months. It appears that the union of Mr. and Mrs. McKinney was not a happy one, she being a white woman and he colored, and very blackly colored too.

The testimony of Mrs. Carrol was to the effect that in August, 1894, she was in her home engaged in serving supper. Her husband entered the kitchen and told her he wanted her to go to New Denver with him to start some kind of a business in that city. She refused to accede to his demand, whereupon he picked up a butcher knife and flourishing it in his right hand, he told her to get up and follow him. While in this position a Mrs. Carrol, who was in the house, rushed into the room and witnessed the downward stroke of the knife, which only succeeded in cutting a gash in her wrist. An incident of Mrs. McKinney's testimony was that she became confused by the questions put to her by the crown prosecutor and to the great edification of the lobby, executed a series of facial contortions that seemed to be directed against the prosecutor.

The testimony of Mrs. Carrol was to the effect that she was in a front room and heard scuffling in the kitchen. She heard McKinney say to his wife: "If you do not go to Denver I will murder you." She hurried to the kitchen and saw the prisoner strike at his wife with a knife.

The prisoner testified that he had an argument with his wife about starting a laundry or bath house in New Denver, and in the course of it he remarked to her that if she would not help her husband out when he was in a bad fix she was no good. She then grabbed a knife and he took it away from her. In the scuffle which took place both of them were cut.

The prisoner pleaded guilty to breaking jail on August 21, 1894. Sentence on this charge was reserved.

## The Costello Case.

The case of Costello vs. Cronyn was continued. According to Costello's story he did not intend to kick Cronyn in the head. He kicked at his hand, but missing that struck his head.

Judge Forin returned from Rossland last night and occupied the bench today.

## TEN MILES OF TRACK LAID.

Trail-Robson Line to Be in Running Order in Two Weeks. F. P. Gutelius, general superintendent of the Columbia & Western, railroad, was up from Trail yesterday. Mr. Gutelius says that ten miles of track have been laid on the Trail-Robson line, and he expects that branch to be in running order in a fortnight. For the present C. P. R. rolling stock will be used on that division. Steel is already arriving to be used on the broad gauge line between here and Trail, but Mr. Gutelius says that the work of standardizing the track will not be undertaken this year.

## LE ROI WILL PAY \$50,000.

The Company Has Declared Its Nineteenth Dividend. Spokane Spokesman-Review: As previously announced, the directors of the Le Roi Mining company at their monthly meeting last evening declared a dividend of \$50,000. This is the 19th dividend paid by the company and will make a total of \$575,000 paid in this way to its stockholders. The first dividend was paid October 2, 1895. Colonel Turner stated last evening that no other business was transacted at the meeting.

## Yellow Fever at Biloxi.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 18.—Mayor Harry Howard has issued a proclamation to the people of Biloxi announcing three cases of yellow fever and three cases already on the dump.

## WAS A HOT SESSION

Wallace Brought Up Discussion of City Finances in the Council.

A BOND ISSUE PROPOSED

Mayor Scott and Alderman Fraser Are Sure the Ratepayers Would Approve It—Big Deficit Certain at End of the Year.

The council meeting Tuesday was marked by an animated discussion of the city's financial condition, during the course of which it transpired that the municipal treasury is very close to bankruptcy, and only the most rigid retrenchment will enable the present administration to retire with an even balance sheet.

The discussion came up just as the council was about to adjourn and was precipitated by Councilman Wallace of the finance committee.

Fraser Knows All About It. "I am informed," said Mr. Wallace, "that there is a difference between the sewer contract held by the city and the one held by Mr. Davy, in that one allows the council to discontinue work on the sewer at any time, while the other does not contain that provision."

"That is a mistake," said Councilman Fraser; "the contracts are identical."

Deficit Starting in the Face. "While I am on my feet I wish to bring another matter to the consideration of the council," said Mr. Wallace, "from a careful examination of the city's financial condition, it appears to me that the payment of the balance due on the completion of the sewer contract will entail a shortage of several thousand dollars in the city's treasury. There is now \$5,700 available out of which \$2,300 should be paid for the city's new fire apparatus. That will leave \$3,400 cash on hand with which to pay the \$11,000 due on the completion of the sewer system. Counting in all other receipts and expenditures, I am satisfied that there will be a deficit of between \$6,000 and \$7,000 on the completion of the sewer. The question of meeting this deficiency is a most serious one, for, as I understand it, we are prevented from borrowing more than \$50,000. As we have already issued debentures to that amount, I am unable to meet our present obligations."

Sentiment of Ratepayers. "You have evidently been deceived by a certain paper and a few sore heads into believing that the ratepayers will not vote to issue additional bonds," interjected Councilman Wallace. "From my observation all over town, I am satisfied that the ratepayers of Rossland will not vote one cent more to this present administration," returned Councilman Wallace, "and under the present circumstances we should avoid the necessity of trying to borrow any more. Supposing that \$50,000 is the limit of indebtedness which the city can incur, and we exceed that limit, then where would we get off if the next administration repudiated the additional indebtedness?"

What the People Expected. "I believe," said Mayor Scott, "that at the last election the people wanted municipal ownership of the electric light and waterworks system, and as they could not expect to secure such institutions for \$50,000, I am satisfied that the ratepayers will not refuse to pass another bond issue for \$150,000 more, but I think that we would have no difficulty in obtaining an additional \$70,000, which would make the total indebtedness of the city \$120,000. With \$70,000 we could secure electric light and waterworks systems which would be sources of revenue to the town, and we could also remove at least a portion of the bluff on the west end of Columbia avenue."

Scott as an Economist. "Nevertheless I am firmly impressed with the necessity of rigid retrenchments along all lines of expense. The city's salary list is \$1,300 a month, and that could be reduced somewhat. Then too it might be well to cut off a portion of the proposed system, which would also reduce expenses considerably. By these means we may be able to meet our expenses within our income, but I believe that we shall also find it advisable to put a money by-law for about \$70,000 before the people. This question, gentlemen, is worthy of your most serious consideration, and I would suggest that further action on it be deferred until the next meeting, as it would be inadvisable to take any hasty action with our treasury in its present condition."

More Expenditures Authorized. The only other business transacted at the meeting was the adoption of a resolution clearing an alley between Earl street and First avenue, and one authorizing the building of a sidewalk west on Columbia avenue from the War Eagle hotel to Davis avenue. There was some discussion regarding the use of the old Sisters' hospital as a fire hall and city office, but no action was taken.

ASSESSED VALUATION, \$1,503,561. Value of land.....\$1,150,000 Value of improvements.....\$353,561 Total.....\$1,503,561

W. H. Cooper, city assessor, has completed the municipal tax lists and has filed them with the city clerk. They show aggregate values as follows:

ORIGINAL TOWNSHIP. Value of land.....\$1,150,000 Value of improvements.....\$353,561 Value of improvements.....\$353,561

RAILROAD ADDITION. Value of land.....\$15,000 Value of improvements.....\$1,000 Total.....\$16,000

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lists as they stand at present must be filed by Friday.

Taxes will be levied on the full valuation of lands and on 50 per cent of the valuation of improvements. The maximum rate prescribed by law is 15 mills, except on wild lands within the city limits, on which a tax of 25 mills may be levied. In addition to the above, a tax of one mill may be assessed for hospital purposes and another of two mills for school purposes, but both of these must be legalized by special bylaws. Major Cooper wishes to warn any property owners who have not received assessment notices to see at once that their names are properly placed on the tax rolls, as otherwise they may be debarred from voting.

## ORO PLATA COMPANY.

E. F. Boyles Reports the Summer's Work as Highly Satisfactory. E. F. Boyles is back from the Oro Plata group, south of Pilot Bay where he has been working a force of four men all summer. The property is owned by the Oro Plata Mining company, which is officered and controlled by Rossland people. It is located 10 miles up Goat river above the present survey of the Crow's east Pass line, and about 15 miles back of Sames, which in turn is about 20 miles below Pilot Bay, on the east side of Kootenay lake.

Mr. Boyles is well pleased with the showing produced by his summer's work. There are two parallel ledges traversing the whole length of the four claims. One of them carries galena, assaying 35 ounces in silver, 35 per cent lead and 7 per cent copper, while the other is made up of yellow and gray copper ore, yielding in places 14 per cent copper. This latter ledge has been opened up slightly, and some sulphides have been met with which return 5 per cent copper and \$13.50 in gold. It is planned to resume work this winter by opening up a long tunnel on the latter ledge.

Mr. Boyles says that not much work has been done in the neighborhood of the claims he has been working. He adds that it has snowed every month this summer.

PROMINENT LIBERALS HERE. G. B. Maxwell, M.P., Heads a Party of Vancouverites—Coast-Kootenay Line. A distinguished party of Liberals arrived in Rossland Tuesday morning from Vancouver. It is composed of G. B. Maxwell, M. P. for Burrard, Mayor Templeton, D. G. Macdonell, ex-M. P. for North Lanark, and now a leading attorney of the Terminal city, C. N. Davidson, jeweler, and D. Menzies, contractor. When Mr. Maxwell was seen yesterday by a MINER representative he said the party was merely taking a pleasure trip through Kootenay and was not out on any particular political mission. Speaking for himself, he said he expects to take a hand in the next provincial election in behalf of the opposition to the Turner government.

"One object of my trip," he said, "is to post myself on the country. I shall return to the coast by way of Boundary Creek and Penikese, so that I may know exactly through what sort of a country it is proposed to build the Coast-Kootenay railway. We have assurance that the capital for the construction of the entire line from the Fraser river to the Columbia will be forthcoming whenever a Dominion subsidy is obtained, as we feel confident it will be at the next session of parliament."

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BIG STRIKE OF ALUMINUM. Immense Deposit of Clay on McCrea Creek That Assays Well. NORTHPORT, Wash., Sept. 7.—[Special.]—A discovery of an extensive bed of white clay on McCrea creek, north of Christina lake, has been made by Messrs. Letta, Teall and others, who brought in some specimens to this town a few days ago. Assays have been made by the Pratt-Fairlow company of this town, and E. B. Van Osdel of Spokane, entirely independent of one another, and they have both certified the mineral as running from \$165 to \$185 to the ton. The deposit was found in a basin and was traced on the surface for a distance of 1,300 feet, the depth being over 12 feet.

## NAKUSP IS AGROUND

She Got Stranded at the Kootenay Rapids Tuesday Evening.

EFFORTS TO GET HER OFF

So Far They Have Been Unavailing, But Another Attempt Will Be Made With the Assistance of the Kootenay and Lytton.

TRAIL, Sept. 8.—[Special.]—The fine steamer Nakusp, one of the best in the C. P. B. service, is aground on Kootenay rapids, two miles south of Robson, and has been there in a helpless condition since last night. She is not leaking, but the river is falling and the effort of the steamer Kootenay to pull her off was unavailing. She is withstanding a tremendous current, which strikes her broadside, and her position continues to grow more serious.

The Nakusp left at the usual hour yesterday and proceeded on her course without event until the rapids were approached. These are just where the Kootenay flows into the Columbia, and the rocks extend clear across the river, with the exception of a narrow channel, just in the center. Through this the current flows with terrific rapidity, and makes it one of the most difficult portions of the river to navigate. As the Nakusp approached the channel the current got the better of her and headed her to the northeast, but in a flash another current caught her bow and she landed on a gravel bar in a position due east and west.

The engines were immediately reversed, but the Nakusp seemed to be lodged securely, and not the slightest effect of the engines was apparent. Between the boat and shore was a distance of perhaps twenty-five feet and when it was found absolutely impossible to get off, such passengers as chose to do so, were landed in small boats and made their way along the river bank for a distance of two miles to Robson. The Nakusp remained in her dangerous position all night, without budging an inch, although an awful current is breaking against her side. A careful examination of her hull disclosed the fact that there was no leak, and this somewhat relieved the anxiety of the passengers, who were made comfortable while they awaited assistance from the Kootenay or Lytton. Steam was kept up and several attempts were made to back her off, without avail.

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